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Lancaster County Courthouse
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PRESS RELEASE

Defendant's Information:

Name: Dr. Joseph Citron

Age: 68

Address: 1351 Forest Paces Drive, Atlanta, Georgia

Offense Information:

Charge(s): Lancaster County Charges: Perjury (2 Counts); False Swearing (2 Counts); Unsworn Falsification (1 Count).

Grading: F3, M2, M2

Maximum Penalty: 7 years imprisonment for each felony count. 2 years for each misdemeanor count.

Mandatory Minimum (If Applicable): N/A

Nature/Factual Basis of Charge(s): On March 16, 2012, Joseph Citron, M.D. (Defendant) was called and sworn as witness in the driving under the influence case of Commonwealth v. Blum (Docket # CP-36-CR-5886-2010). Defendant was presented as an expert in, among other things, pharmacology to include expert testimony regarding Standardized Field Sobriety Testing.

During the *voir dire* concerning Defendant's qualifications, Defendant was asked to inform the Trial Court about his training and familiarity with the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST). In response, Defendant testified that he was invited to join the faculty of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) training police officers in the area of first responder and SFST for approximately 10 years. Defendant also testified that in 2000, the Governor of the State of Georgia asked him to join a program called "Drunk Busters" in which he went around the state reviewing SFSTs with police departments.

In July of this year, Lancaster County Detective Andrew Morgan, requested that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) assist in his investigation of Defendant's affiliation with GPSTC and the alleged "Drunk Busters" Program. Special Agent Michael Brooks, GBI, was assigned to verify Defendant's claims.

S.A. Brooks' investigation determined that Defendant was never invited to join the faculty at GPSTC in the area of SFST. Rather, Defendant was a guest lecturer at the GPSTC Fire Academy with respect to eye injuries as part of a first responder course. Defendant was never utilized in any fashion to teach SFST to police officers at GPSTC.

S.A. Brooks also contacted the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety and the Georgia State Patrol Nighthawks (Georgia's DUI Task Force) regarding Defendant's claims about the so-called "Drunk Busters" Program. Both agencies informed S.A. Brooks that they had never heard of such a program, and the Governor's Office stated that they had never had a program by that name. During a recorded interview, Defendant admitted that the Governor never contacted him to be part of a "Drunk Busters" Program, but did provide a contact to verify the program's existence. That individual informed investigators that the two speeches he did invite Defendant to assist in were never referred to as "Drunk Busters" and it was never presented as being part of a Governor's Office program.

At the conclusion of Det. Morgan and S.A. Brooks' investigation it was determined that Defendant testified falsely to his involvement with GPSTC and regarding the "Drunk Busters" Program in order to qualify as an expert in SFST and bolster his credibility on that topic. Both portions of testimony were material to his qualifications to render an opinion regarding SFST in the Commonwealth v. Blum case.

During this investigation, it was determined that Defendant also presented this same testimony regarding his qualifications in driving under the influence trials in the Centre, Clinton, Dauphin, and Lebanon County Courts of Common Pleas. Each of these counties will also be filing charges against Defendant relating to his false testimony, and those charges will all be consolidated in Lancaster County at the office of Magisterial District Judge Jimenez.

Location of Offense: Courtroom 12, Lancaster County Courthouse, 50 North Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17608

Charging Officer: Lancaster County Detective Andrew Morgan

Procedural Information:

Bail Status: Warrants Issued

Next Scheduled Court Appearance: To be determined.

Points of Contact:

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Defendant is presumed innocent of the above charges unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.